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Alcoa's Carswell Graduates From FBI Academy

City of Alcoa police Lt. David Carswell recently graduated from the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA. Lt. Carswell attended the 10-week school from July 9, 2006 through September 15, 2006. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. Its mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."

Lt. Carswell attended the academy with 260 leaders and managers of state and local police, sheriff departments, military police organizations and federal law enforcement agencies. Participation is by invitation only through a nomination process. Less than one percent of all law enforcement officers in the country will ever receive an opportunity to attend. Participants come from every state in the union, U.S. territories and over 150 foreign nations.

National Academy officers enroll in undergraduate and graduate level courses through the University of Virginia. They participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training. Students share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that span state, national and international lines. Following graduation, each officer has the opportunity to join the FBI National Academy Associates, a dynamic organization of more than 15,000 law enforcement professionals who actively work to continue developing higher levels of competency, cooperation and integrity across the law enforcement community.

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